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EXPERTS MEETING ON LE VAUDREUIL

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SUMMARY FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT PROPOSED MEETING, BUT FEEL IT CANNOT BE HELD
BEFORE MID-JUNE. OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN RESEARCHERS,
THEY FEEL, WILL BE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED FOR
INSERTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA INTO THE PLANNING
CYCLE; IN RETURN, FRENCH HOPE US EXPERTS WILL BE ABLE
TO CRITIQUE THEIR PROGRAMS AND PLANS AND OFFER ASSISTANCE
IN IDENTIFYING HIGH TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH WITH GREAT SHORT-
TERM POTENTIAL USE IN NEW CITIES. FRENCH SIDE HAS ALSO
INDICATED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF A
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PROGRAM BASED ON ALL TEN OF THE NEW CITIES CURRENTLY IN

PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION STAGE HERE. ONE POSSIBLE PROBLEM REMAINS THE EXACT IDENTITY OF RESPONSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL GOF OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM WORKING ON THE NEW PLANNED CITY OF LE VAUDREUIL IS VERY POSITIVE WITH RESPECT TO AN EXPERTS MEETING WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE FRANCO-AMERICAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT. THE TEAM, A GROUP OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS UNDER CONTRACT TO THE FORMER MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY OF LE VAUDREUIL, FEELS ITS METHODS OF APPLYING SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO THE PLANNING PROCESS WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ITS AMERICAN COLLEAGUES. IN RETURN, THE TEAM WISHES TO BE BRIEFED ON AMERICAN TECHNICAL INNOVATION IN THE SEVERAL

ENVIRONMENTAL FIELDS REPRESENTED: ACOUSTICS, AIR AND WATER POLLUTION, HUMAN SCIENCES AND PUBLIC HEALTH, LANDSCAPE AND BIOLOGY AND HOPES U.S. EXPERTS WILL OFFER CRITICISM AND SUGGESTIONS ON PLANS FOR LE VAUDREUIL.

2. FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS FEEL THAT THE NEW CITY HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF A CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT/PLANNING/TECHNICAL CYCLE OF A SORT RELATIVELY UNKNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES. IN PARTICULAR, THEY STRESS THE GROWING EXTENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, IN THE EVALUATION OF BIDS RECEIVED AND IN THE PREPARATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AS BEING A MORE INTEGRATED PROCESS THAN HAS BEEN KNOWN IN THE US, WHOSE PLANNERS ARE VIEWED BY THE FRENCH AS BEING LIMITED BY A HOST OF LOCAL CODES AND RESTRICTIONS.

3. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND IT IS SOMEWHAT PARADOXICAL TO HEAR THAT THE FRENCH CONSIDER ONE OF THEIR MAJOR PROBLEMS, BOTH AT VAUDREUIL AND AT THE OTHER NEW-TOWN SITES IN FRANCE, TO BE FINDING A METHOD FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTO THE PLANNING CYCLE. IN PARTICULAR, FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS AT THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT REPORT THAT IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY HIGH TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE IMPORTANT SHORT-TERM RESULTS WORTHY OF BEING PROPOSED FOR THE NEW CITIES. IN THIS CONTEXT EMBASSY AGAIN DRAWS ATTENTION OF INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO THE POSSIBILITY OF COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR US FIRMS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AREA.

4. PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF FRUSTRATIONS OF THE SORT REPORTED ABOVE, FIVE EXPERTS FROM SEVERAL MINISTRIES (TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND EDUCATION) HAVE ASKED SCIATT TO SOLICIT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING PROGRAMS WHICH MAY HAVE MORE IMMEDIATE AND SHORT-TERM RELEVANCE TO THE PROBLEMS OF NEW CITIES THAN THOSE PRESENTLY FUNDED BY GOF. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ALL FRENCH EXPERTS HAVE ASKED SCIATTS TO DESCRIBE TECHNIQUES PRESENTLY IN USE IN US FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROMISING RESEARCH; WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ALL HAVE PROPOSED THIS AS A THEME FOR DISCUSSION DURING PROPOSED EXPERTS' MEETING.

5. IF FRENCH VIEWS OF OPTIMAL SUBJECT MATTER FOR THE EXPERTS' MEETING ARE READILY IDENTIFIABLE (SEE SEPTTEL), THEIR OPINIONS ON THE MOST DESIRABLE TIMING ARE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE. THE CONSENSUS IS PRESENTLY THAT MID-JUNE, 1974, WOULD OFFER A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES: THE FULL RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN AIR AND WATER POLLUTION WILL BE READY FOR CRITIQUE, AS WILL THE RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN THE HUMAN SCIENCES; AN INTERNAL MANAGEMENT STUDY DETAILING THE VAUDREUIL EXPERIENCE WILL BE FINISHED IN MID-MAY, AND MOST OF THE FRENCH EXPERTS FEEL THIS WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THEIR AMERICAN COLLEAGUES. IN ADDITION MOST OF THE ADVISORS IN THE EARCH SCIENCES (AIR, WATER, ETC.) WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR BASE-LINE STUDIES AND FEEL THESE TOO WILL HAVE INTEREST FOR AMERICAN EXPERTS.

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6. SCIATTS HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM SEVERAL OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND IN MINISTRY OF PLANNING THAT IF US TEAM IS OF SUFFICIENTLY HIGH CALIBER, FRENCH SIDE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A LARGER COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BASED NOT ON LE VAUDREUIL BUT ON THE PROBLEMS OF NEW CITIES IN GENERAL, BASED ON THE TEN NEW CITIES IN FRANCE. MINENV OFFICERS FEEL THAT THE RANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS TO BE EXAMINED WOULD THUS BE ENLARGED, WHICH THEY VIEW AS BEING OF INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES, AND THE LESSONS OF MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WOULD BE MORE GENERALIZED.

7. COMMENT: DURING THE RECENT CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF THE GOF, THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WAS MADE A PART OF A NEW MINISTRY OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS UNDER ALAIN PEYREFITTE (UDR). A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTRY, PAUL DIJOURD (R.I.), WAS GIVEN A WATCHING BRIEF OVER THE ENVIRONMENT (CHARGE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT). THUS FAR WE HAVE NO CLEAR INDICATION OF WHO WILL HEAD UP ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FOR THE NEW COMBINED MINISTRY AND NO INDICATION OF THE EXTENT OF DIJOURD'S

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DAY TO DAY INVOLVEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. WE DO NOT EXPECT MAJOR CHANGES CONCERNING THE EXPERTS' MEETING, BUT ARE FOLLOWING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE NEW MINISTRY AND WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. END COMMENT.
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